

## **Request for City Council Committee Action**

Date: October 14, 2003

To: Community Development Committee  
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds for Downtown**

**Summary of the Request:** The Downtown neighborhood requests the use of up to \$25,000 of Hennepin County “Second 7.5%” NRP funds to support the refurbishing of the Gateway Fountain owned by the Park Board. The fountain is located in the Downtown neighborhood. The neighborhood has modified their Action Plan to include this request. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has also approved this request.

### **Recommendation:**

- (1) Approve the use of \$25,000 of Hennepin County’s “Second 7.5% NRP funds to support refurbishing the Gateway Fountain in the Downtown neighborhood;
- (2) Amend the 2003 Minneapolis Community Development Agency (“MCDA”) Appropriation Resolution by increasing the NRP Program Fund CNR0 by \$25,000;
- (3) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (4) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair  
Community Development Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

**Re: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Downtown**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on September 22, 2003 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved the use of \$25,000 in Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the refurbishing of the Gateway Fountain in the Downtown Minneapolis neighborhood.

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA) Action Plan was adopted by the Policy Board on December 17, 2001 and by the City Council on February 15, 2002. In June 2003, DMNA began working on modifications to that plan. One of the proposed modifications was to request the use of \$25,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the refurbishing of the Gateway Fountain owned by the Park Board. To assemble the funding package needed to make this renovation possible, DMNA and Hennepin County have expedited their approvals. The formal plan modification has also been completed and approved.

On September 22, 2003 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$25,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the renovation of the Gateway Fountain in the Downtown Minneapolis neighborhood.

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That this approval is contingent upon final approval of a modification to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Action Plan.

Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director